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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, AL*

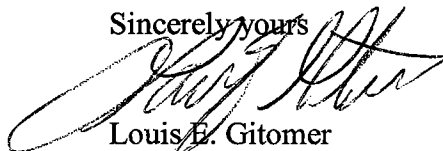
Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 1, 2003, the Jefferson County Commission (the "County") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 16.47-mile rail line extending from milepost ONC 384.00 at Black Creek to milepost ONJ 400.47 at West Jefferson, in Jefferson County, AL, in the above-entitled proceeding. The period to negotiate trails use has been extended to October 13, 2005.

By letter filed September 19, 2005, the County requested a 180-day extension of the negotiation period. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County. Therefore, CSXT concurs in the 180-day extension sought by the County.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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cc: Ms. Buckelew